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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processor comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a series of data including a predetermined mark for

detecting synchronization and generating parallel data from the series of data; and

a plurality of detecting units being provided at each bit position of the parallel

data, and for detecting said predetermined mark for detecting synchronization from the

parallel data the detecting units being adapted to detect whether strings of bits

continuing from each bit position as a starting point are the predetermined mark; and

wherein any one of the detecting units detects the predetermined mark.

2. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein said

plurality of detecting units detect the predetermined mark marks for detecting

synchronization in a predetermined bit width among the series of data in parallel

condition.

3. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising

a generation timing selecting unit for selecting generation timing of a window for

detecting the predetermined mark marks based on the predetermined mark marks for

detecting synchronization.

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4. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data demodulating unit for demodulating the series of data between the predetermined mark marks for detecting synchronization based on the predetermined mark marks for detecting synchronization.

- 5. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a detection line memory unit for storing a detection line based on the predetermined <u>marks</u> for detecting synchronization.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data selecting unit for selecting data based on the predetermined <u>mark marks</u> for detecting synchronization.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data counting unit for counting the series of data between the predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization based on the predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization.
 - 8. (Canceled).
- 9. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein said receiving unit is provided with a shift register to input the plurality of parallel data connected with the detecting units in the same number as the number of parallel data.

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10. (Currently Amended) A data processor for detecting a predetermined mark for detecting synchronization included in a series of data read from a memory medium in order to establish synchronization at a time of transferring the series of data to a controller unit from a read channel unit, comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving the series of data including the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization and generating parallel data from the series of data; and a plurality of detecting units being provided at each bit position of the parallel data, and for detecting said predetermined mark for detecting synchronization from the parallel data the detecting units being adapted to detect whether strings of bits continuing from each bit position as a starting point are the predetermined mark; and wherein any one of the detecting units detects the predetermined mark.

11. (Currently Amended) A data processing method comprising the following steps of:

receiving a series of data including <u>a</u> predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization;

generating a plurality of parallel data from the series of data;

detecting the predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization from said plurality of parallel data any one of strings of bits continuing from each bit position of the parallel data to establish synchronization of the series of data; and

demodulating the series of data based on the predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization <u>detected from one of the bit strings</u> included in the series of data.

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12. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined mark marks for detecting synchronization are detected in predetermined bit widths of the series of data in parallel condition.

- 13. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein generation timing of a window for detecting predetermined <u>mark marks</u> is selected based on the detected predetermined <u>mark marks</u> for detecting synchronization.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein a detection line is stored based on the detected predetermined <u>mark marks</u> for detecting synchronization.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein data is selected based on the detected predetermined <u>mark</u> marks for detecting synchronization.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein data between the detected predetermined mark marks for detecting synchronization is counted up.
 - 17. (Canceled)

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18. (New) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of detecting units are provided in equal number to the number of bits constituting the parallel data.

19. (New) A data processor according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of detecting units are provided in equal number to the number of bits constituting the parallel data.